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Subject. I STRONGLY BELIEVE AND AGREE in the 1996 Telecom Act.

Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

I **am** writing to you as a concerned American consumer who is fearful that you **will** fall prey to a 'smoke screen and **mirrors** ploy'. I STRONGLY BELIEVE AND AGREE in the 1996 Telecom Act.

I think it was the best thing that **was** done to protect the consumer in a very long time. What has happened in the Telecommunications industry was done for **greed** of pocketbook. Consumers did not do this, Owners, CEO's and stockbrokers did! Don't punish **me**, the consumer, **by** allowing the Baby Bell's **and** their likes in leading you to believe that they are **losing** money because **of** open competition. It's because of their greed.

I, as **an American** consumer, want the choice to **PICK WHO I SPEND MY HARD EARNED MONEY WITH**. **Our** founding fathers died in giving us our **liberal freedom** of choice. Don't turn our country and time back 100 years. I sincerely hope that you do the right thing and leave the choice **up** to the consumer with the companies capable of competition. **It is** called 'free market'!

Thank you,

Respectfully,



Rebecca Morgan

"To the world you **might** be one person; but, to one person you might be the WORLD."